



Arkansas Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *Quarterly Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

First Quarter Milk Production Down 7 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the January-March 2011 quarter was 38 million pounds, down 7 percent from the same period in 2010, but up 9 percent from the October-December 2010 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 12,000 head, down 1,000 head from the same period last year, but unchanged from the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows and milk production increased from last quarter.

Milk Cows and Production: by Quarter, Arkansas and U.S., 2009-2011

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2009	2010	2011	% Change from '10	2009	2010	2011	% Change from '10
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 st Quarter, Jan - March	13.5	13.0	12.0	- 8	9,297	9,093	9,163	+ 1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	13.0	12.5			9,264	9,119		
3 rd Quarter, July - Sept	13.0	12.0			9,159	9,126		
4 th Quarter, Oct - Dec	13.0	12.0			9,092	9,130		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, Jan- March	43	41	38	- 7	47,374	47,392	48,432	+ 2
2 nd Quarter, April - June	46	43			48,888	49,809		
3 rd Quarter, July - Sept	38	35			46,799	48,070		
4 th Quarter, Oct - Dec	38	35			46,273	47,548		

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

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